

We found common ground with those who supported the commission bill, and urged them to vote against their own substitute commission bill, but then support the commission bill, attach it to our bill. Also the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. LINDA SMITH) took her 6 amendments last night and put them into one, and helped us write a better bill to guarantee, without question, and to satisfy those groups that are concerned, that voter guides are in fact legal and do not come under the campaign law.

There is no ambiguity on this issue. She wrote the law in a tough way. We accepted her six amendments into one, and thank her for her work in this area. She really has been a leader on campaign finance reform, and has played a tremendous role in helping us move this bill forward.

#### CALLING UPON HOUSE LEADERSHIP TO BRING FORWARD FOR DEBATE THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) is recognized during morning hour debates for until 9:50 a.m.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, this morning a hearing is being held by the Democratic Health Care Task Force on the critical issue of managed health care. We are going to hear this morning from families across the country who have been denied care, who have had very difficult situations occur because they have not had the opportunity to receive the care their doctor recommended because they are in a managed care system. We are going to hear from small businesspeople. We are going to hear from other Americans speaking out.

I only wish that we were doing this within the regular committee structure. I would call upon the House leadership this morning to bring forward the Patients' Bill of Rights, the comprehensive bill to protect American families, to bring it to a full hearing, to bring it to this House for a vote, because it is absolutely critical that in this day and age, when we have the best health care in the world, that we make sure our families can truly receive that care when in fact it is recommended by their physician or other health care provider.

What we are talking about today is a basic set of principles that will allow us as Americans to be sure that the quality of care that is available in this country is truly available to each of us. I would urge strongly that the leadership take this bill up immediately.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 10 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Kevin Shrum, Pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, I humbly approach You today in the name of the one and only true God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, I ask for Your bountiful blessings and godly wisdom to anoint this law-making body in their daily tasks. For, Lord, great is their task in leading this Nation to honor its noble heritage and secure the possibilities of a future as one Nation under God. May we understand, as did President George Washington, that of all dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.

Assist this esteemed assembly and our beloved Nation as a whole to honor Your justice, mercy and righteousness in all that we say and do. If godly righteousness exalts a Nation, then let us be that Nation that leads the nations in seeking Your righteous standards.

When we err, forgive us. If we succeed, let our successes honor You and humbly lead us to further successes. And may every action of this law-making body reflect the absolute character and gracious benevolence of Your biblical law and love. Ultimately may all that we do and say as a unified people bring glory and honor to You who is able to keep us from falling and not failing and to present us before His glorious presence without fault and great joy, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, I pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAPPAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAPPAS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 15 one-minutes on each side.

#### WELCOME TO THE REVEREND DR. KEVIN SHRUM

(Mr. CLEMENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I stand to welcome Dr. Kevin Shrum to the Chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives and to thank him for opening our session today with a heartfelt prayer.

Dr. Shrum is a devout Christian and an inspiring pastor. His church is in Nashville, Tennessee. Inglewood Baptist Church is one of the fastest growing Southern Baptist churches in the Fifth Congressional District.

Dr. Shrum graduated with a bachelor of arts from Missouri Baptist College in 1984, received his master's of divinity in 1987 and earned his doctor of ministry in 1991 from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Shrum comes from a rich heritage of spiritual leaders. My administrative assistant Dottie Moore has been an active member of his church for many years. It is a great honor to have him with us today. God bless you.

#### TWINKLE, TWINKLE KENNETH STARR

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, Twinkle, twinkle Kenneth Starr, Now we see how brave you are. Up above the Pentagon sting, Like a fair judge in the ring. Twinkle, twinkle Kenneth Starr, Now we see how brave you are. When subpoenas and lies are gone, When obstruction shines upon, Then you throw your trump cards down, Twinkle, twinkle all brought down. Twinkle, twinkle Kenneth Starr, Now we see how brave you are. Then the Congress in the dark Thanks you for your courage and spark; We could not see which way to go, If you did not lead us so. Twinkle, twinkle Kenneth Starr, Now we see how brave you are.

#### DEMOCRATIC PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, in view of those last comments, I would point out that although we have investigations in this House galore, we have not had one hearing on the subject of managed care reform.

Health care financing is in transition and the shift to managed care has raised concerns about implications for